

ABSTRACT

A reclosable child resistant package including a container having an open end and retention means on the internal surface of the container, adjacent the open end; and a closure having a top panel with a sidewall depending from the top panel with retention means on an exterior surface of the closure sidewall that cooperates with retention means in the container. The retention means may consist of cooperating screw threads on the closure sidewall and in the container near its open end. These threads are also used for opening the package. If alternate retention means are used to retain the closure within the container it may be necessary to include alternate opening means to elevate the closure from the container as the closure is rotated. When the package is closed the closure has little or no exposed vertical surface but the panel top surface on the closure is exposed. The package is opened by grasping the container with one hand and pressing the palm of the other hand against the exposed surface of the closure top panel, for frictional engagement, while rotating the palm in the counter clockwise direction to loosen and remove the closure. The top panel may have a slot, suitable for inserting a tool such as a coin, which may be used for opening and or closing the package. Sealing of the package is provided by continuous contact between an external surface on the closure with an internal surface in the container.